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ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RELEASES FIRST ROUND OF ONEAPP RESULTS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW ORLEANS – (April 24, 2019) – Today, the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) released OneApp placement results for the 2019-2020 school year. **Families can log-in and review those placement results by visiting: oneapp.force.com.**

The OneApp is the centralized school enrollment application for Orleans Parish public schools. OneApp provides students and families with the opportunity to apply to schools citywide, based on their child's unique needs and interests. The application process originated to fairly coordinate enrollment across public schools in New Orleans. When schools returned to locally-elected control in July of 2018, OPSB assumed authority over the centralized enrollment process, including OneApp.

Since then, the OPSB has consistently worked to improve families' experience with OneApp, including ensuring that the latest school letter grades and renewal decisions were updated before OneApp opened, enacting a system-wide Geographic Priority for families within walking distance of a school, and improving the application's technology to show families to which schools they receive Geographic Priority, in real-time.

"OneApp's effectiveness is one of my biggest focuses and I am proud of some of the changes made this year to improve the school enrollment experience. However, we have a long way to go. I remain committed to working towards providing options that meet the needs and interests of all of our students and families," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.

"As Orleans Parish School Board President, I continue to support a data-driven, common enrollment system, with equity as a top priority," said OPSB President, John A. Brown, Sr.

- Of the **12,690** applications submitted for grades PK4-12, **75%** percent of applicants were assigned to a preferred school and **nearly 70%** of applicants were assigned to one of their top three choices.
- Students entering transitional grades, kindergarten and ninth grade, were matched to preferred schools: 82% were matched to one of their top three choices and 88% percent were matched overall.



Public funding is limited to programs offering free or reduced-priced care for qualifying, economically disadvantaged students. Because of strict limits in eligibility and availability, not all early childhood applicants are guaranteed a placement:

- Across all ages infant to four, 69% of early childhood applicants completed verification and were
 eligible for placement. The match rate fluctuates depending on the age of the applicant, a
 testament to the more limited supply of seats for our youngest learners.
- **80%** of eligible four year olds were matched to a preferred early childhood program while only **26%** of eligible two years olds were matched to a preferred program. *Please see the attached data sheet for complete a breakdown of age matches*.

Families Still Seeking School Placement

K-12 families still seeking a new school for next year may participate in the second round of OneApp, which opens April 29, 2019 and closes May 31. As always, the application process is online-only and available at www.EnrollNOLA.org. Families are strongly encouraged to apply to schools with remaining availability in their child's grade. Projected availability will also be available at www.EnrollNOLA.org.

Families may access their application results by logging into their OneApp Parent Portal account at oneapp.force.com. If families need help accessing their OneApp results, they may call or visit a Family Resource Center (FRC) or contact the Enrollment Team at: 877-343-4773 | oneapp@opsb.us | Hours and Locations @ www.EnrollNOLA.org. Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Want to understand how OneApp works? For further information explaining the OneApp process, <u>watch</u> this video.

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<u>About OPSB</u>: The OPSB currently oversees 79 public schools, including 75 charter schools, three direct-operated schools and a school with two educational programs for students in secure-care facilities. On July 1, 2018, all New Orleans public schools were unified under the oversight of the locally-elected Orleans Parish School Board for the first time since Hurricane Katrina and simultaneously OPSB absorbed the OneApp. Learn more about Unification here.

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